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TAGS: PINT, ELAB, AR

SUBJECT: CALABRO TO CONTINUE ATTACK

REFS: A) BA-6692 B) BA-5883

1. NIGHT OF OCT 8 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PERONIST PARTY ISSUED
STATEMENT REPRIMANDING BUENOS AIRES GOV VICENTE CALABRO FOR
HIS REMARKS OF SEPT 30 (SEE REF A), AND INDICATED THAT COUNCIL
HAD REFERRED CASE TO PERONIST DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL. GIVEN
THE ANTIVERTICALISTA GROUP REAFIRMACION PERONISTA (SEE REF B)
HAD ISSUED STATEMENT PREVIOUS DAY SUPPORTING CALABRO AND
AGREEING WITH HIS STATEMENTS (DEPARTMENT WILL ALREADY HAVE
SEEN TEXT OF REAFIRMACION STATEMENT VIA FBIS), IT MIGHT
APPEAR THAT VERTICALISTAS (WHO CONTROL NATIONAL COUNCIL)
WERE PUSHING FOR OPEN BREAK BETWEEN THE TWO SECTORS OVER
ISSUE OF CALABRO'S BRUTALLY FRANK COMMENTS. THIS, OF COURSE,
IF TRUE, WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED VERTICALISTAS FELT THEMSELVES
TO BE IN COMMANDING POSITION, HOWEVER, SEVERAL ANTIVERTICALISTA
LEADERS EXPRESSED VIEW TO EMBOFFS ON OCT 9 THAT IN SENDING
MATTER TO DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL, COUNCIL WAS IN EFFECT TRYING
TO BURY IT. "IT WILL TAKE WEEKS OR MONTHS FOR THE TRIBUNAL
TO STUDY THE MATTER," COMMENTED ONE SOURCE.

2. SAME ANTIVERTICALISTA SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT CALABRO SEPT
30 BLAST WAS NEITHER IMPROMPTU NOR ISOLATED OPINION; RATHER,
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STATEMENTS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT, HAD BEEN COORDINATED

AND HAD APPROVAL OF REAFIRMACION GROUP BEFORE THEY WERE MADE.
"CALABRO WAS IN EFFECT SPEAKING FOR ALL ANTIVERTICALISTA"
SOURCES SAID, "AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO LET MATTER REST.
VERTICALISTAS WANT TO BURY IT; WE ARE GOING TO KEEP IT BEFORE
PUBLIC EYE, FOR IT IS WE WHO ARE IN A STRONGER POSITION, AND
HAVE TO GAIN BY FORCING THE ISSUE."

3. SOURCES OBVIOUSLY HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR OPTIMISM, FOR
THIS MORNING'S PRESS (OCT 10) REPORTS MORE UNIONS IN UOM
GOING OVER TO CALABRO (HE NOW HAS 25 OF THE 50 UOM UNIONS
ON HIS SIDE AND 25 HAVE ALMOST 85 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP).
FURTHER CALABRO REPORTEDLY WILL REPLY TO COUNCIL'S REPRIMAND
AND TO UOM LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL'S CHARGES AGAINST HIM.
IN SPEECH TODAY BEFORE UNION LEADERS IN SAN NICOLAS, THE STRONGHOLD
OF UOM STRENGTH, WHERE LOREANZO MIGUEL FEARED TO GO LAST WEEK
BECAUSE OF SENTIMENT AGAINST HIM.
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